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SUMMARY OF EXAMINER'S INTERVIEW PURSUANT TO 37 CFR1.133

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WRITTEN RECORD OF INTERVIEW PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.133

Sir:

A written record of the substance of a telephonic interview with regard to the
above-identified case is set forth below:

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WRITTEN STATEMENT OF INTERVIEW

A telephonic interview was held on June 27, 2006 between Examiner Naghmeh Mehrpour and Attorney David J. Rosenblum, on behalf of Samsung Electronics Company, Ltd., regarding the above-identified patent application. Claim 19 was discussed and the reference U.S. Patent No. 6,278,887 to Son et al. ("Son") was also discussed.

The general thrust of the applicant's argument was as follows.

Son (US 6,278,887) is based on a flip phone, and therefore has means for detecting when the user is looking at the phone (col. 5, lines 52-55). Son, after turning the LCD on at power-on, turns off the LCD at the expiry of a timeout period renewable by keyboard activity. Once the LCD is off, Son keeps it off until the flip panel is opened, a call is received, or a key is actuated (col. 5, lines 52-55; FIG. 2).

Claim 19 requires that the LCD be maintained on for a predetermined time period after the call is established. Son features shutting off the LCD a predetermined time period after a triggering event (col. 6, line 19) (Son does not disclose establishment of a call as a triggering event). However, the Son embodiment the Examiner seemingly contemplates would presumably shut off the LCD to conserve power, and already has a timeout mechanism implemented for shutting off the LCD during a call to save power (col. 6, lines 11-12: "to provide additional power savings"). That mechanism can be

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used to shut off the LCD after expiry of a timeout period following power-on (col. 4, lines 52-55; FIG. 2). Based at least on the foregoing, it is therefore unclear by what reasoning one would have been motivated to selectively eliminate the Son timeout-based shutting off of the LCD after power-on, which likewise is designed to save power, while retaining the Son feature of shutting off the LCD upon timeout during a call.

The Examiner argued that claim 19 is met if someone calls a Son phone before expiry of the predetermined period following power-on.

The applicant suggested that the above hypothetical situation does not amount to "maintaining the LCD on until. . ."

The Examiner then argued that our specification does not mention the specific subject matter of claim 19 as being novel, and that the Examiner thinks that prior art can be found to render claim 19 unpatentable. Although asked, the Examiner did not confirm that a further search will be made or when. A follow up phone call message to the Examiner today notes that July 14th is the end of the first month extension period for reply to the final rejection.


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If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Application, it is respectfully requested that the Applicants' attorney of record be contacted at the below-noted telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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